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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1645**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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AND FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF A MODIFIED HEMOGLOBIN SOLUTION

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.